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Thanks Bill.

I will handle this tomorrow.

Jim

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> On Dec 19, 2016, at 9:04 PM, William Gibbons (wgibbons) <wgibbons@memphis.edu> wrote:
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> Director,
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> For your meeting with the legislative delegation tomorrow, the Operation: Safe Community plan calls for tougher state sentences for felons in possession of guns.
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> Right now, here's the state law:
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> Most felons in possession - class E felony - the lowest class of felony with a standard sentence of 1-2 years, eligible for probation and, if sentenced to incarceration, eligible for parole after serving 30 % plus credits for good behavior, participation in programs, etc.
>
> If the prior conviction is for drug trafficking - class D felony - a standard range of 2-4 years but with the same probation and parole eligibility.
>
> If the prior conviction is for a violent crime - class C felony - a standard range of 3-6 years but with the same probation and parole eligibility.
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> The proposed legislation we are suggesting would increase each level by one class:
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> Most felons in possession - class D
>
> If prior conviction is for drug trafficking - class C
>
> If prior conviction is for a violent crime - class B (standard range 8-12 years)
>
> Frankly, I wish we could also make these non-probatable and non paroleable, but that would make the fiscal note a big issue.
>
> I think it is fine for you you to mention that Senator Norris is a member of the Crime Commission board and is working on having the legislation drafted.

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> Hope that helps. (Please confirm that you got this.)

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> Bill G.

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> Sent from my iPad